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Hi Supporter,

A weekend home improvement project shouldn't expose you or your family to dangerous chemicals. But right now you can walk into The Home Depot and other stores and buy paint strippers containing dangerous chemicals.

Tell The Home Depot to stop selling paint strippers containing toxic methylene chloride (DCM) and N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP).

Even short-term exposure to DCM can be deadly. According to OSHA, paint strippers containing DCM have been linked to more than 50 deaths nationwide since the 1980's¹—many from uses like refinishing bathtubs in poorly ventilated spaces. Long-term exposure has been linked to liver toxicity as well as liver and lung cancer.²

NMP exposure puts women of childbearing age and pregnant women at risk of harm to their fetuses.³ It has been linked to miscarriage, fetal death, decreased birth weight, and other fetal developmental effects.

We need your voice. Tell Home Depot to get paint strippers with toxic chemicals off store shelves!

Recently the EPA proposed largely banning these toxic chemicals from paint strippers sold to consumers under the new chemical safety law. Scientists at the agency recognize how dangerous they are. So we're working to make sure that EPA's proposal becomes a final regulation. But that process could take years, especially under the Trump administration, and there's no reason for The Home Depot to keep selling products containing these dangerous chemicals in the meantime.

The good news is that safer alternatives are readily available.⁴ So we recently sent a letter to The Home Depot, the biggest home improvement retailer in the world, asking executives to stop selling products containing these dangerous chemicals. But so far, The Home Depot has ignored us. So we need your help!

Your voice as a consumer can help convince Home Depot – sign the petition now!

Thanks! Best, Mike.

Mike Schade, Mind the Store Campaign Director
Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families

PS – Wondering which products sold at The Home Depot contain these chemicals? Check out this new [fact-sheet](#) to find out!

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- 1 <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/ohb-face/Documents/paintstripper.pdf>
 - 2 https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/dcm_opptworkplanra_final.pdf
 - 3 https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/nmp_ra_3_23_15_final.pdf
 - 4 http://www.turi.org/TURI_Publications/TURI_Chemical_Fact_Sheets/Methylene_Chloride_Fact_Sheet
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Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families works with supporters like you to fight toxic chemicals in our homes, workplaces, and products we use every day. Please chip in \$5 to help fuel the fight to keep our families safe.

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